

May 7, 1985

LB 404, 408

Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2121-22 of the Legislative Journal. 27 ayes, 16 nays, 5 excused and not voting, 1 present and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 404 passes. LB 408 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...motion.

CLERK: Senator Vard Johnson would move to return 408 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Johnson amendment appears on page 2122 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, my specific amendment is a real simple one. If you'll look on page 12 of your Final Reading copy, you will see where the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee decided to increase the prize money allowable at a bingo occasion from \$3,500 to \$5,000 and the receipts allowable at a bingo occasion from \$7,000 to \$10,000 and we did that because one of our members, Senator Conway, had been visiting with some volunteer firemen up in his area and they thought the prize money should be increased quite dramatically. So we went along with that increase. Now in the meantime both Senator Labedz and I have heard from some bingo operations in Omaha who suggest that that level of increase is maybe a little more dramatic than it ought to be. You know this bingo issue is one where you always try to keep a balance between the smaller operations and the larger operations. So all I have done in my amendment is simply suggest that we go from \$3,500 in prize money to \$4,000 in prize money and from \$7,000 per bingo occasion to \$8,000 per bingo occasion. Senator Labedz and I visited about that and she seemed to think that was fair. That's probably a little more balanced approach to the total prize and receipt limitations that we currently have in the law on bingo occasions and I would offer to return LB 408 to Select File to effect that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz.